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FOR: A SEMI-BIOLOGICAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

- Specification and Abstract - 19 pages.
- Drawings - 5 sheets (Figs. 1-10).
- Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- Information Disclosure Statement.
- Assignment papers.
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[X] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/423,900, filed November 5, 2002.

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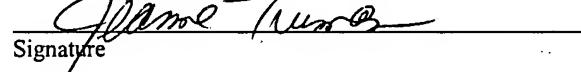


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